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The legislature of 1907 is now a "thing of the past," having adjourned sine die on last Monday afternoon at five o'clock. There is no question in the mind of the writer about the general approval of the measures that have been enacted into law. There may be a few objectionable local propositions passed in the rush of things during the last exciting days, but in the main, the session has been accomplished here at the recent session than by any former General Assembly with which I have been connected. A good deal has been said in the newspapers about "radicalism" on the part of several democratic members, but it turns out that nothing rash, or dangerous was passed and there is no cause for alarm, or reason for keeping up the agitation as some of the so-called "conservative" newspapers are doing, and which they will doubtless desist from continuing "upon sober second thought." Among the things of public importance accomplished is the material reduction in freight and passenger rates, a provision enlarging the powers of the Corporation Commission, increasing the pensions of Confederate soldiers, taking care of the insane, idiots and needy epileptics of the State, providing greater educational facilities, "standing pat" on the temperance question, starting the work for a reformatory, appropriating money to aid in attracting desirable immigrants to this State and many other things too numerous to mention. I am at a loss to know what to say regarding the anti-trust law, which finally passed after a heated discussion continuing through several days of the last week of the session. Many prominent legislators think it will not prove effective, while others contend that it has some good provisions in it; still others say it is stringent enough and is all right. My knowledge of it is very limited, as I have not had an opportunity to examine the provisions of the bill, in the amended form which finally passed both houses. I will say this however, that nine-tenths of the Representatives and a majority of the democratic Senators did not get what they wanted in the passage of the bill, as amended by the Senate, through the aid of republican members, who voted with the opponents of the Reid bill to a man, a majority of the democratic senators voting to insert an amendment for the protection of the tobacco farmers, proposed by the House of Representatives.

The passenger rate on railroads, sixty miles in length and over, is two and one-quarter cents and second-class cars are abolished. This will be effective on and after July 1. Under the new freight rate-law there will be a reduction of from ten to twenty-five per cent. In the powers given the Corporation Commission we may expect better service, better equipment, fewer wrecks and less delay in shipment. Penalties are provided to compel prompt service and authority is given to conductors on all trains to arrest and put off drunken men. Charters were granted which promise railroads in some undeveloped sections of the State, such as Ashe and Alleghany counties and for the construction of a railroad from Knoxville to Waynesville and from that point by way of Asheville and Hendersonville to Rutherfordton. A bill was passed authorizing certain townships in Buncombe and Henderson counties to vote subscriptions for the construction of a railroad from Asheville to Rutherfordton. Five hundred thousand dollars was appropriated for the benefit of the dangerous insane idiots and epileptics. This is an additional appropriation to the amount needed for the maintenance of the institutions now conducted by the State, at Morganton, Raleigh and Goldsboro. An appropriation was made to begin the work of a reformatory and twenty thousand dollars for a hospital for the treatment of consumptives. The appropriation for Confederate pensions and more adequate provisions at the Soldiers' Home was increased one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, which shows the appreciation of North Carolina legislators of the valiant services rendered by her soldiers in the Lost Cause. And this by the unanimous vote of both houses.

The special appropriation which has heretofore been given to the weak counties to aid in maintaining four months' schools was continued and a mild compulsory law passed which the counties may take advantage of if necessity seems to demand. There has been no change made in the public school system of the State, but the law has been so amended as to guarantee greater progress in the future than in the past. The State Institutions were also remembered in handsome contributions and may continue their noteworthy progress as heretofore. The appropriation to the University was increased from forty-five to seventy thousand dollars, and twenty-five thousand dollars a year was given for building purposes. The A. & M. College, in addition to the support it received from the National Government gets thirty-two thousand dollars annually with fifty thousand dollars for needed additional buildings, eight thousand dollars for textile equipment and five thousand dollars for repairs to buildings. The State Normal Industrial College at Greensboro receives seventy thousand dollars annually for support and twenty-five thousand dollars for the proposed building as a memorial for the great work accomplished by its former president, Dr. Chas. D. McIver. The Appalachian and Cullowhee Normals while not receiving all they asked, were remembered with very handsome appropriations and their representatives went away happy. The Colored Normal and Colored A. & M. College and Orphan Asylum were also remembered. Two new educational institutions were established, an Eastern Training School

for Teachers to be established at some point in the Eastern part of the State which will provide the best rates and inducements. The Spray School of Technology is created for the purpose of giving practical instructions in the textile industry and five thousand dollars was appropriated to assist in starting the work.

Another important bill passed, is one requiring instruction on the subject of temperance by the public school teachers throughout the State. Very few local temperance measures succeeded in "getting through the mill." As stated in a recent communication the stills and saloons in McDowell county will be closed on April 1st, 1908; the citizens of Waynesville will decide whether they will continue the dispensary or have prohibition; Scotland Neck was put under the provisions of the Watis and Ward laws, while the people of Anson County are to vote upon the question of open saloons and prohibition. A number of counties asked to be put under the provisions of a rigid anti-jug law and the indications are that sooner or later whiskey dealers will have to seek other States than North Carolina. A bill was also passed prohibiting the sale of liquor within two hundred feet of any church or school house in North Carolina, except in the counties of New Hanover, Martin and Beaufort.

Sheriff Freeman reached Raleigh from Hendersonville on Wednesday afternoon of last week and delivered two prisoners to the penitentiary authorities. He spent the forenoon Thursday visiting the various departments of the State Government, the Museum, Library, etc., and viewed the city from the dome of the capital. He expressed himself as being greatly pleased with his visit here and said he was proud of the capital city and glad to be able to claim that he was a North Carolinian. Concerning his trip to this city the Raleigh Evening Times had this to say: "Sheriff J. L. Freeman of Henderson county, brought two prisoners to the State Prison today. Both are young white men and one was convicted of a very unusual crime for a white man—stealing chickens. It is known that the colored race has a weakness for chickens, and many a negro is now serving a term in this State, either in the penitentiary or on the county roads, for the larceny of chickens, but the white chicken rogue from Henderson County stands rather alone; he is in a class all to himself. The name of the man is Geo. Gallian and he was sentenced to twelve months in the penitentiary. The name of the other prisoner is Tom Cox, who was convicted for burglary and given a term of ten years."

There is a well defined rumor here to the effect that Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, will be in the race for the Democratic nomination for Governor next year. Mr. Craig spent several days here looking after matters before the recent General Assembly and many prominent democrats from various sections of the State, who were here on similar business, urged Mr. Craig to enter the race. He made no promises, but always replied that he was considering the matter very seriously and would probably announce his intentions in a public way at no distant date. It will be remembered that Mr. Craig was temporary chairman of the last democratic State Convention and delivered the greatest speech heard upon that occasion. In fact many who heard it declared that it was the most powerful defense of democratic principles and policies heard upon a similar event during the last decade. Locke Craig would be a winner and is entitled to this nomination, if he should ask it.

The legislature allowed Attorney General Gilmer an assistant of his own selection at a salary of \$1,500 per annum for two years and Mr. Haden Clement, a brilliant young lawyer of Salisbury, has received the appointment. There were several applicants in Raleigh for the position, but General Gilmer thought it the part of wisdom and justice to make the selection from the deserving young men out in the State. Mr. Clement had, by far, the strongest endorsement of any applicant outside of this city and succeeded in "landing the plum." He was the efficient clerk to Judiciary Committee No. 2, of the recent House of Representatives. General Gilmer expects to take a much needed rest as soon as his assistant gets the work of the office well in hand. He is far from being a well man and his confinement, coupled with the arduous duties required at his hands, is having a telling effect upon him physically. But it is hoped that a quiet rest will bring him back to himself again. He has made a fine record as an official since assuming charge of the Attorney General's office a little more than six years ago, having been faithful to every trust, willing and ready at all times to take care of the State's interests.

The legislators have all "shaken off the dust of their feet against the city" and returned to the bosoms of their families. The clerks, too, finished up their work a few days ago and have gone to their homes. The duties required of them during the closing days of the session were very exacting and the General Assembly voted an additional allowance of \$15.00 to each of them for extra services rendered. Necessity required them to work day and night. Sessions were often held in the morning, afternoon and night, which meant little and sometimes no sleep for the principal clerks and their assistants. But they were faithful and efficient and have all done well. The pitiful allowance was only small recognition for a vast amount of labor and great responsibility.

The new salary bill provides for an increase in the compensation of Assistant Commissioner from \$900 to \$1200 annually. Most of the clerks in the various departments of the State Government were given a similar "raise." The Governor is allowed \$600 additional for traveling expenses, instead of a stated increase in salary.

Notice

State of North Carolina, Henderson County. McDr. Ray has this day made application to enter the following described piece or parcel of land in Crab Creek township, Henderson county, North Carolina, viz: All that piece or parcel of land lying and being in the aforesaid township, county and state, and adjoining the lands of E. B. Drake and Hix Jones, and containing by estimate seven acres. Entered this 15th day of March, 1907.
B. F. Station, Entry Taker.
S. M. King, Deputy.

HEARD ON MAIN STREET

Did you ever try to fish without a line or bait? A party left the Blue Ridge Inn, bright and early one day last week, bound on a fishing excursion to Green River Falls. They carried a full equipment suitable to the needs of the occasion, including a supply of the proper kind of bait. Upon their arrival at the Falls, one of the party manifested a desire to fish alone, all by himself, in silence and solitude, and wandered off up the stream with that intent. One of his friends, shortly afterwards, being curious to see just what luck the lover of solitude was having, followed his tracks, and found the earnest disciple of old Isaac Walton sitting on a projecting rock, hard at work holding a pole over the stream with no line or bait of any kind. Slightly surprised at this mode of indulging in the piscatorial sport, he returned to the rest of the crowd and reported his discovery. Their own luck had not been good, and as the sky was threatening and rain seemed near, they determined to get the lone fisherman and return to town. They all tramped to where he had been fishing, found the pole, but no fisherman. A hasty search discovered the erstwhile fisherman, sound asleep in a bed of leaves under an overhanging rock. Rip Van Winkle's sleep was not mentioned in the same breath with the way this more modern Rip of the Blue Ridge Mountains was scoring, and after fruitless efforts to awaken him the balance of the party climbed into their vehicle and returned to town, a cold driving rain making the trip the more enjoyable. Our Rip Van Winkle was left to his fate, and lulled by the roaring of the Falls, soothed by the screaming of the wind, undisturbed by the cold rain, with only Mother Earth for a bed and the storm-driven clouds for a roof, he slept on and on, and awakened only when the kindly sun shining in his face at mid-day, 24 hours later, recalled him to his world of trouble and tears. He got back to town late that night, seemingly none the worse for his long sleep and longer walk home.

If you walk slowly down Main street, anywhere from the court house to the post-office, you'll hear something like this:
"The dam will break and flood the town."
"The dam won't break."
"The company has half-a-million to spend this summer."
"The new hotel will cost over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars."
"The city will have fifty thousand inhabitants in less than five years."
"I'll build the lake myself."
"Electric cars—paved streets—new blocks—the new railroad—"

The public spirit shown by the citizens of Hendersonville would make one think he'd suddenly been whisked out to some new Western town, except that there is no Western town which has the blue sky and bright sunshine and fine natural advantages of beautiful Hendersonville, "the lake city of the mountains." The public sentiment seems to be practically all one way towards the lake. Where there is so many conflicting interests, it would be strange indeed were there no objections. But the finest part of it all is the readiness with which those of our people who really will be hurt somewhat by the new roads, etc., are willing to sacrifice some of their own interests for the public good. There are many such instances and it makes one think that Hendersonville must prosper, must go forward with giant strides, where such a spirit and pride in their city is manifested by its citizens.

That the lake proposition is a good business proposition is evidenced by the fact that other parties besides the South Carolina capitalists offer to go ahead with it, if the charter is turned over to them.

State of North Carolina, Henderson County of Henderson

W. F. King and wife, Julia M. King, Lizzie Anderson, and by their next friend, Ira Anderson, Sherman Anderson, Boone Anderson, Robert Anderson, Belle Anderson, Morris Anderson, and Verda Anderson, vs. Alhard Anderson

By authority of a decree of the Superior Court of Henderson County in the above entitled cause, dated the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1907, I will, on Wednesday, the 27th day of March, A. D. 1907, at the Court House door in Hendersonville, N. C., within the legal hours of sale, offer for sale at public outcry, and sell to the highest bidder, for partition among the heirs-at-law of J. W. Anderson, deceased, all that land described in the petition in the above entitled cause, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake and pointers in an old road, then runs W 18 poles to a black gum, corner of one acre tract deeded to Antioch school house, thence same course 39 1/2 poles to a rock R. T. Drake's corner, thence with his line N 4 W 66 poles and 10 L to a stake, R. T. Drake's corner; thence N 59 E 10 poles to a rock, thence N 104 W 192 poles to a stake, thence S 8 E 83 poles to a stake, thence S 28 E 89 poles to a spanish oak, Neilson's line, thence S 2 W 49 poles to a post oak, Morris corner, thence W 49 poles to a black oak, thence S 22 E 18 poles to a black oak, thence S 13 E 2 poles to a post oak, thence S 22 W 16 poles to a maple, thence S 35 E 34 poles to a chestnut, thence S 4 E 25 poles to a post oak stump, thence S 76 W 21 poles to a black jack, thence S 8 W 50 poles to a stake, thence W 38 poles to a rock, thence N 29 E 24 poles to a stake in Brown's line, the beginning corner, containing one hundred acres more or less. (This land deeded to J. W. Anderson by T. L. Drake by deed May 6, 1899, recorded in Book 25 page 285, records of Henderson County.)

Terms of sale, one-half cash, balance in six months, with interest at 6 per cent per annum from date of sale. This the 22nd day of February A. D. 1907.

MICHAEL SCHENCK, Commissioner

Comments Mr. M. L. Shipman.

Referring to the probable retirement from the Bureau of Labor and Printing of Assistant Commissioner M. L. Shipman, which has been contemplated the past few weeks, the Cleveland Star whose editor is Mr. H. T. Hudson, until recently chief clerk to Auditor Dixon, says:
"Mr. Shipman's resignation would be a distinct loss to the Department of Labor and Printing. He has been a tireless worker, patient, faithful, watchful and thoroughly competent. He has saved the State many dollars in the purchase of paper for the public printing, and his supervision of the public printing has been most careful and painstaking. In all the departmental work submitted to him, he has 'made good.'"
"It is little wonder that Mr. Crawford called him when he was about to select one to occupy the close and confidential relationship of private secretary for no man stood closer to him, or contributed more to his success in the last campaign."—News and Observer.

M. L. Shipman, who has for several years been the very efficient assistant Labor Commissioner, has been tendered the position of secretary to Congressman elect W. T. Crawford, of the tenth district, but has decided to remain here for the present and Roswell Flack, of Rutherford county, has been named as acting secretary to Mr. Crawford.—Raleigh Correspondence, 12th inst., to Charlotte Observer.

Mr. M. L. Shipman, Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Printing, who was appointed secretary to Congressman Crawford of the Tenth District, several weeks ago, has decided not to leave the department at this time and Mr. Crawford has designated Mr. Roswell Flack, of Rutherford county, as acting secretary. Young Mr. Flack is a graduate of Wake Forest College and stands in the highest esteem at home and wherever he is known. He was an applicant for the position at the outset and had strong endorsements.—News and Observer.

LAST CALL FOR TAXES

All persons that have not paid their taxes for 1906, will please do so at once. Taxes are long past due and must be paid without any further delay. After March 20th, I will advertise all real and personal property that is not paid. This is fair warning and I trust each and every one will settle, and not allow themselves to be advertised, thereby adding cost to the already high tax; it is not my wish to advertise any one "but it is the law" and I shall endeavor to carry it out.
C. E. BROOKS,
Feb. 21, '07 Tax Collector.

Notice

State of North Carolina, county of Henderson, In the Superior Court, Spring term, 1907. Susan Ella Piper Perkins, vs. H. C. Perkins. The defendant, H. C. Perkins, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Henderson county for the purpose of annulling the bonds of matrimony between the said plaintiff and the said defendant, for the recovery of certain property, real and personal, and for the recovery of damages caused by the fraud of the said defendant upon the said plaintiff, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Henderson County to be held on the 15th day of May, A. D. 1907, at the Court house in said County in Hendersonville, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This, the 15th day of March A. D. 1907.

Clerk Superior Court Henderson County

Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of the power contained in a mortgage deed executed on the 30th day of January 1907 by A. Z. Stepp and wife Rebecca Stepp to W. J. Stepp and Mary A. Stepp to secure a certain debt therein specified, we will offer for sale at the court house door in Hendersonville, within the legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash in order to satisfy said indebtedness, on April 15th 1907, the following described lands conveyed to us by said mortgage deed:
Lying and being in the township of Blue Ridge, County of Henderson and State of North Carolina, on the waters of Green River adjoining the lands of Benjamin Laughter and others. Beginning on a maple on the north bank of Dogan Creek and runs N 40 deg W 14 poles to a stake on the north bank of said creek; thence N 44 deg E 10 poles to a red oak, Champion corner; thence N 45 deg W 38 poles to a white oak, Kilpatrick's corner; thence N 27 poles to a stake, Kilpatrick's corner; thence East 30 poles to a chestnut, Caroline Gilbert's corner; thence south 74 poles to a black oak stump; thence east 108 poles to a hickory; thence south 28 poles to a white oak on the bank of Green River; thence up the meanders of the same to the mouth of Dogan Creek; thence up said creek with its meanders to the beginning, containing 200 acres, except 60 acres sold to Benjamin Stepp and 4 acres sold to Edward Hill. Default having been made by A. Z. Stepp and Rebecca Stepp in the payment of said indebtedness as the same fell due, this sale will be made under the provisions of said mortgage deed.

This March 11, 1907.
W. J. STEPP
MARY A. STEPP
Mortgagees
Per McDr. Ray, their attorney.

Notice to Tax-payers.

This is to notify all Taxpayers who have not paid their city taxes for the year 1906 to please settle at once and save costs. After March 28, 1907, I will advertise all property personal and real in the town of Hendersonville, which may under the law be levied upon and sold to pay taxes due to said town by delinquent tax-payers. This is my last call and it is new left with you to say what you will do. This March 5th, 1907.

Respectfully,
T. M. SMITH,
City Tax Collector.

Notice.

To the Justices of the Peace of Henderson County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector for Henderson County. Believing that the counties business should be conducted as economically as a private business, I will if elected do all the work for three percent instead of five, and will return the difference, two percent, or about \$1,000 per year, into the court house fund. In time this saving will pay for the court house and will relieve the tax payers of Henderson County of a heavy burden.

Respectfully
W. C. JORDAN

Notice.

To the Justices of the peace of Henderson county: I take this method of announcing to you that I will be a candidate for the office of tax collector of Henderson County at the May, 1907, election and will appreciate any support given me by any and all my friends at said election.

I do not wish in this contest to create any factional fights in the democratic party and shall urge my claims for the office with the best of feelings for any others who may like myself desire the position.
Yours truly,
J. L. CARLAND.
Mills River, N. C. Feb. 27th, 1907.

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